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# ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Thursday, December 20, 2011, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 10:00 a.m. in room 9-040, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman William Berry, Commissioners Patricia Beauvais, Kathy Byrne, Angelo Ciambrone, Michael LaPidus, Allan Monat, Benjamin Reyes, Paul Smith and Roger Whalen. Staff members Marc Laino, Katherine Laurent, Bob Lang, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

## **ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUESTS**

Commissioner Beauvais moved to approve Arlington Park's request for an intertrack wagering location (OTB) license at 9201 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street, Orland Hills, Illinois and a concessionaires license to LaRocco Bros. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Kathy Gilroy, Pastor Mike McCartney, Daniel Lyons and Colleen Lanigan spoke in opposition to the agenda item. Tony Petrillo, Jim Stumpf, Shawn Wood appeared on behalf of Arlington Park. John Daly, Village Administrator, appeared on behalf of the Village of Orland Hills.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Fairmount Park's request for the disbursement of \$47,900 from the Quarter Horse Purse Fund authorized under Section 27 of the Act. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Brian Zander appeared on behalf of Fairmount Park.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Hawthorne Race Course's racing officials for 2012. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Beauvais moved to approve Hawthorne Race Course's request to amend the 2012 Dates Order by switching live racing from Tuesdays to Sundays during its spring meet. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Tim Carey and Jim Miller appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course.

### **OCCUPATION LICENSEE REQUESTS**

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve the following intertrack wagering location (OTB) licenses for 2012: Waukegan, Hodgkins, Villa Park, two locations on Weed Street in Chicago, Crestwood, Champaign, Normal, Springfield, Sauget, Alton, Corliss, Mokena, Aurora, Joliet, Buffalo Grove, Yorkville, North Aurora, Niles, Oak Brook Terrace, Elk Grove Village, South Elgin, South Beloit, Rockford, McHenry and Lockport. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Beauvais moved to approve the following intertrack wagering licenses for 2012: Arlington Park, Balmoral Park, Fairmount Park, Hawthorne Race Course, Maywood Park and Quad City Downs. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Monat moved to approve 27 concessionaire licenses for 2012. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve the following advance deposit wagering licenses for 2012 conditioned upon an extension of the law by the Illinois General Assembly and consent from the horsemen's associations: Twin Spires, TVG, XpressBet and Sportech Racing. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Mindy Coleman appeared on behalf of the Jockeys' Guild.

#### **BOARD ITEMS**

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to certify the following pari-mutuel tax credits authorized under Section 32.1 of the Act: Arlington Park - \$2,098,551.98; Balmoral Park - \$137,268.99; Fairmount Park - \$83,437.18; Hawthorne Race Course - \$493,669.00; and Maywood Park - \$250,774.33. Commissioner Beauvais seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approved the following Board meeting schedule for 2012: January 31, March 28 (at Hawthorne Race Course), April 24, May 22 (at Fairmount Park), June 26, July 26 (at Arlington Park), August 28, September 25, October 24 (at Balmoral Park), November 27 and December 18. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2011 Board meeting. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioner Smith motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Ciambrone seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Laino

**Executive Director**